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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petitions of Certain  
Subscribers in the Exchanges of  
Zimmerman, Prescott, Waconia, Belle  
Plaine, North Branch, Lindstrom, New  
Prague, Cambridge, Hudson, Houlton,  
LeSueur, Cannon Falls, Delano, Northfield,  
Buffalo, and Watertown for Extended Areas  
Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul  
Metropolitan Calling Area

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427/CI-87-76

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On March 20, 1987, the Commission initiated an investigation into the provision of extended area service (EAS) to the metro area.

On June 20, 1989, the Commission identified specified extended area service (EAS) routes for investigation and directed the affected telephone companies to file updated traffic studies and cost studies for the installation of EAS, and directed Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (NWB) to develop rates for providing its proposed optional one-way calling plans to its Cambridge and LeSueur exchanges. In the Matter of the Petitions of Certain Subscribers in the Exchanges of Zimmerman, Prescott, Waconia, Belle Plaine, North Branch, Lindstrom, New Prague, Cambridge, Hudson, Houlton, LeSueur, Cannon Falls, Delano, Northfield, Buffalo, and Watertown for Extended Areas Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area, Docket No. P-421, 405, 407, 430, 426, 520, 427/CI-87-76, ORDER IDENTIFYING ROUTES MERITING FURTHER CONSIDERATION, REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION, AND INITIATING AN INVESTIGATION (June 20, 1989).

On September 28, 1989, the Commission directed the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) to submit a report on all filings submitted in response to the June 20, 1989 Order within 120 days of the expiration of the filing period. Since the last filing was submitted December 5, 1989, the Department's report was due April 4, 1990. EAS, Docket No. P-421 et al./CI-87-76, ORDER DENYING PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION AND CLARIFYING FILING AND COMMENT PERIOD (September 28, 1989).

On March 9, 1990, the Department submitted a request for a 30 day extension of the deadline for filing its report.

No party submitted comments on the Department's request and the matter came before the Commission for decision on March 27, 1990.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Commission will grant the Department's request for a 30 day extension. The Department needs the additional time due to the extensiveness and complexity of the data obtained from the telephone companies in response to the Commission's June 20, 1989 Order and by discovery. Given the additional time, the Department's report will be more informative and comprehensive.

### **ORDER**

1. The Minnesota Department of Public Service's request for an additional 30 days to submit its report concerning the data provided by the parties in response to the Commission's June 20, 1989 order is granted. The Department shall file its report on or before May 4, 1990.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Acting Executive Secretary

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